

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, it has been the custom here to ask for the reason why it is urgent and why it is a matter of public importance. That is the custom not only here but everywhere else.

Mr. President.—It is the custom to be given an opportunity to the mover of the motion to explain how this thing is urgent, but it is also the custom of every legislature that when the Chair is satisfied *prima facie* that the motion is out of order, no useful purpose can be served in discussing the motion.

The house now stands adjourned to quarter past two.

The House rose for lunch at 1-5 p. m. and re-assembled at 2-15 p. m. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Condolence Motion.

re. the demise of Rao Bahadur T. V. Kasturi
Renga Ayyar.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Mr. President, Sir, since this House last met, the demise took place at his residence in Trichur on the 6th Kanni 1111 of Rao Bahadur T. V. Kasturi Renga Ayyar who was for long an official member and Leader and sometime President of this House. With your leave, Sir, may I convey on behalf of this House our respectful condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

Sir, the late Mr. Kasturi Renga Ayyar is so well known in Cochin that it is really unnecessary for one like myself to say much about him on the floor of this House where he was a conspicuous figure. He rose from the lowest rungs of service to the position of an officiating Diwan before his retirement. During his distinguished career of well nigh 40 years in the State he was associated with almost all the important branches of the administration of the State. He first entered service as a teacher in the Ernakulam College in the year 1895 and was not long after taken over to the Huzur Secretariat on the first re-organisation of this office by the then Diwan P. Rajagopalachari. He then became successively a Tahsildar-Magistrate, Assistant Settlement Peishkar, Secretary to the Diwan, and Devaswom Superintendent and finally was appointed as Diwan Peishkar in 1912, which office he held for the long period of 20 years.

The departments of Agriculture, Co-operation, Panchayats and Registration were first organised by him and kept under his control and superintendence until they were formed into separate departments subsequently. He took a leading part in the enactment of the Tenancy Regulation of 1909 and assisted considerably in the working out of a scheme for the establishment of

the present Legislative Council in 1937. Towards the end of his career he was one of the representatives of this Darbar on the Cochin Port Conservancy Board and ably championed the cause of the State in the discussions relating to the development of the Harbour.

He was an officer of indefatigable industry well informed in the details of every department with which he was connected from time to time and won the esteem and approbation of the successive Diwans under whom he served. Sir Joseph Bhore on the eve of his departure from Cochin referring to his long and meritorious service described him as prominent among the colleagues who worked faithfully with him. A note recorded about him in the early years of his service by Diwan Rajagopalachari says: "Any little kindness I may have shown him he has repaid a hundred fold by his honest and hard work and untiring devotion and loyalty". That Sir, exhibits an ideal which is worthy for everyone to follow and emulate.

In private life he was intensely pious and his religious convictions and views were characterised by a catholicity of outlook which is the central teaching of the Gita of which he was an ardent devotee.

May his soul rest in peace!

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, on behalf of the independent party, I associate myself with all the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble leader of the House regarding the late Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar. The late Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar was an outstanding figure in the affairs connected with the Cochin State. He is well-known to all. I quite remember, Sir, the way in which he used to give a good lead to the deliberations of this Hon'ble House in his capacity as the leader of the House. When he had a good case to advance he was clever at it indeed and when he had a bad case he was cleverer still. In his private capacity, as the Hon'ble member mover of the resolution said, he was an ardent student of the Gita which he was actually practising in his life time. Any person who has met him in his private life must have been satisfied that he was the richer for having come in contact with such a man. I again associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble mover in praying for his soul's rest and conveying the feelings of this House to the bereaved family.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon.—Mr. President Sir, on behalf of my party also, I have very great pleasure in supporting this motion of condolence about the deceased Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, and in doing so, it is quite unnecessary for me to bring to your specific notice the several good qualities that he possessed and the extreme goodwill with which he conducted the administration of the port-folios entrusted to his care. Suffice it to say that every one of us here join the Secretary to Government in applauding his career in Cochin State and controlling the members with a heavy hand.

Deputy President.—I request the members to pass this standing.

Motion was carried unanimously all the members standing.

Announcement of Bills assented to or dissented from by His Highness the Maharaja.

Secretary to Council.—Under Standing Order 5 (2), I have to announce to the Council that the following Bills have received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja:—

Number.	Name of Bill.	Date of assent by His Highness the Maharaja.
1.	The Workmen's Compensation Bill.	Friday, 15th Nov., 1935.
2.	The Cochin Irrigation Bill.	Sunday, 1st Dec., 1935.

The following Bills have been dissented from by His Highness the Maharaja:—

Number.	Name of Bill.	Date of dissent by His Highness the Maharaja.
1.	The Cochin Nambudiri Bill.	Friday, 9th August, 1935.
2.	The Cochin Makkathayam Thiyya Bill.	Monday, 9th Sept., 1935.